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Sharon Dolliver, right, and her daughter Shyanne run up some steps near Cole Harbour Place Wednesday. Sharon has recently lost 165 pounds and will be running the full marathon in Sunday's Blue Nose Marathon along with Shyanne.

Ryan Taplin/Metro Halifax

Never say never

Marathon finish line marks another milestone for mom

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Thousands of happy, healthy walkers and runners will cross the finish line at the Blue Nose International Marathon Sunday.

Sharon Dolliver will fit right in.

As unlikely as it seemed more than three years ago — before the Dartmouth mother of eight changed her life by losing 165 pounds through diet and exercise — Dolliver has signed up to walk/run the 42.2-kilometre full marathon.

"A couple of years ago, even in my wildest dreams,

to be able to run a marathon? Never," she says. "Never, never."

Never say never. The turnaround started for Dolliver when the calendar flipped to 2006.

The 46-year-old was balancing a job with the demands of parenting eight children — four foster and four biological — but realized she was neglecting her health.

It took her 19 months to go from 305 to 140 pounds. She has now been at her goal weight for 22 months.

"Finally, one day, I said,

you know what? If I can (work and be a parent) and that's difficult, then I need to take care of me, even though that's difficult," she recalls.

Dolliver quotes a statistic

that says 90 per cent of people who lose weight gain it back. She took up walking last year with 17-year-old daughter Shyanne to maintain her weight loss.

Sharon says she gained inspiration from Shyanne, a figure skater with a gold medal at the Special Olympics. Mother and daughter will participate in the Blue

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Sunny Side

Nose together, although five-foot-seven Shyanne might leave Sharon behind.

"We want each other to go for it," Shyanne says.

Crossing the finish line won't mark the end for Sharon, but another milestone that makes her story a success.

"When you're standing at the bottom of that mountain looking up, you feel there's no way you'll be able to get to the top," she says.

"Yet here we stand. We feel like we're at the top of the mountain and we feel like we're conquering it."

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\$1 million pledged for Sydney Harbour dredging

Nova Scotia Power announced yesterday it will put \$1 million toward the proposed Sydney Harbour dredging. The move would deepen the shipping channel to 17 metres below low tide and allow the company to deliver coal "more efficiently," while lowering costs for customers. **METRO HALIFAX**

Local



Anchors aweigh on cruise season

The city's seven-month-long cruise season kicks off today with the arrival of Holland America Line's MS Maasdam, the Port of Halifax says. About 220,000 passengers are expected to come calling in the next seven months aboard 120 vessels during the 2009 cruise season, which runs through Nov. 5. Halifax will welcome its two millionth passenger this season.

METRO HALIFAX

Violent crime rising: HRP

Chief stresses recent violence did not target 'law-abiding citizens'

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE



Violent crime is on the rise, the heads of Halifax Regional Police and Halifax RCMP said Thursday, after a long week of two homicides, an alleged attempted murder, a couple of serious shootings and the abduction of two teens.

"The last few weeks have been very challenging from a policing perspective," HRP Chief Frank Beazley told reporters gathered at the Gottingen Street police station.

"There has been a slight increase in violent crime, when comparing this year's first quarter stats to last year's."

Violent crime, including homicides and assaults, is up four per cent, police say, but added crime overall is down three per cent.

"What we are seeing is an increase in the degree of violence and a cluster of crimes in a short period of time," Beazley said.

He said "there is no known connection" among the six homicides in HRM this year, or the slew of violent crimes this week, adding in many cases he's seen over his career "the victim and assailant are



RCMP Supt. Darrell Beaton, left, and Halifax Regional Police Chief Frank Beazley speak to the media Thursday about the recent spate of violent crime in the area.

known to each other."

Supt. Darrell Beaton of Halifax RCMP added "these violent crimes are between individuals who are involved in the criminal element."

"Law-abiding citizens are not targets," he said, but emphasized the fact they're happening in public places is of "grave concern."

Beaton said both police forces are adding resources this weekend, while Beazley said he met with Mayor Peter Kelly Thursday to assure him that police still have enough resources to maintain public safety.

ley said "if something was to happen again tomorrow, we would have a fresh team."

But he admitted police have to prioritize, which means minor thefts and frauds "may get put on the shelf ... but the major incidents will be taken care of."

Beazley said he met with Mayor Peter Kelly Thursday to assure him that police still have enough resources to maintain public safety.

At a glance 2009's first-quarter stats

- Crime in the HRM is down three per cent overall.
- Violent crime has gone up by four per cent.
- Property crime is down one per cent, and break-and-enters and robberies have decreased.
- Thefts, homicides and attempted homicides have risen.

News in brief

FLU One more mild case of Influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, was confirmed yesterday by the province, bringing the total for Nova Scotia to 66 since the outbreak began last month. **METRO HALIFAX**

Tuesday's Metro

Your Money

TV host Alison Griffiths' new Metro column, Alison on Money, premiers in Your Money.



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What's online today.

Video Mulroney faces further grilling on selective answers about cash payments at metronews.ca/canada

Murder suspect appears in court

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A 59-year-old man made a brief appearance yesterday in Dartmouth provincial court on a charge of second-degree murder, after another man was discovered dead at a Portland Street rooming house earlier this week.

Acting on information from an East Division beat member, Halifax Regional Police say they checked the residence at 214 Portland St. in Dartmouth in regards to a possible injured person at about 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Instead, they arrived to find the body of a man, who has since been identified as 33-year-old Gordon Alexander Murray of Dart-

mouth.

Police later arrested the suspect on scene and took him into custody. They charged him with second-degree murder overnight Wednesday.

At the scene late Tuesday night, several area residents told Metro Halifax the home where police say the murder took place is known in the neighbourhood as a crack house.

Sheriffs accompanied Lloyd Alexander Wilmot, 59, of Dartmouth into the courtroom yesterday. Wilmot never spoke during the short session, and the matter was held over until June 25 for possible election and plea.

Wilmot is being remanded at the Nova Scotia Correctional Facility in Burnside.



Lloyd Alexander Wilmot is escorted from Dartmouth provincial court Thursday.

TRANSPORTATION More buses for Metro Transit should be the top priority for improving public transportation in the HRM, according to a poll released Thursday by Corporate Research Associates.

With the choices of a fast ferry to and from Bedford, more Metro Transit buses or a light rail service from Fall River to Halifax, 55 per cent of the 400 people surveyed said addition-

The results are part of the CRA's Halifax Urban Report, an independent survey of HRM residents. The survey was held between April 30 and May 12, and is accurate with 4.9 percentage points, 95 times out of 100. **METRO HALIFAX**

HIAA running \$447K deficit: CEO

AVIATION The Halifax International Airport Authority is operating under its first-ever deficit after releasing its 2008 operating and financial results yesterday.

The airport authority said it is running a deficit of \$447,000 with total operating expenses in 2008 at \$54.8 million. It generated \$41.2 million in operating revenues and collected \$13.2 million in airport improvement fees.

"In the midst of soaring gas and oil prices of 2008

and a turbulent global economy, Halifax International Airport Authority continued to manage and develop Halifax Stanfield International Airport in a prudent and forward-looking manner," HIAA president and CEO Tom Ruth said in a release.

Overall passenger traffic increased by 3.2 per cent in 2008 to a record-setting 3,578,931 passengers, the release said, but passenger numbers fell in the last half of the year. **METRO HALIFAX**

Ink safely, tattoo fest founder urges artists

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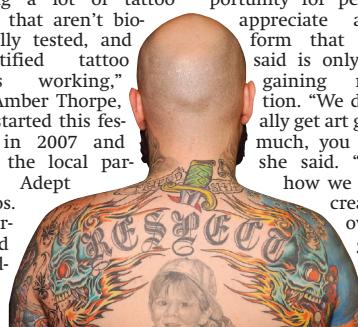


uation of tattoo artists is really what drives her to run the festival.

Anyone doling out body art at the event will have passed an eight-hour course on safe tattooing techniques. They will also be able to take other seminars during the festival that runs Saturday through Monday.

"(The festival) has just gotten bigger. We're actually, by artist standards, rated one of the No. 1 shows in Canada," Thorpe said. "It's just so much fun and there's so much education going on."

The festival is also an opportunity for people to appreciate an art form that Thorpe said is only slowly gaining recognition. "We don't really get art galleries much, you know?" she said. "This is how we kind of create our own art gallery."



Extra buses favoured in poll

al buses were the most important priority to invest money in. Twenty-two per cent chose the rail service and 12 per cent went with the fast ferry.

The results are part of the CRA's Halifax Urban Report, an independent survey of HRM residents. The survey was held between April 30 and May 12, and is accurate with 4.9 percentage points, 95 times out of 100. **METRO HALIFAX**

Nova Scotia's university students can find out how provincial election campaigns are affecting them by going to ns.votededucation.ca, a new online resource created by the Canadian Federation of Students. It provides breaking news, policy analysis and voting information, the federation said Thursday. METRO HALIFAX

Tories OK funds despite threat

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The Tories have approved \$130 million in stimulus spending this week, contradicting what they threatened wouldn't happen if they were to go to the polls.

Premier Rodney Mac Donald had repeatedly said opposition parties forcing an election would cost Nova Scotians jobs. Mac Donald said his government was out of money, and if the budget didn't pass, they couldn't approve new projects.

But Tuesday the Tories approved \$130 million in new projects through a special warrant. That allows cabinet to spend money without it being approved by the legislature.

Finance Minister Jamie Muir confirmed Thursday the government was planning on using the special warrant last week, at the same time Mac Donald was claiming jobs would be lost. "We knew it was likely we were going to have to come up with some addi-



Finance Minister Jamie Muir gestures as he takes questions from reporters about the budget at Province House earlier this month. The Tory government has approved a special warrant for \$130 million in capital spending.

tional dollars through a special warrant, yes," he told reporters.

Governments have a cap on how much they can spend until a new budget is passed. The Tories ran out of money April 30. The budget was introduced May 4 and couldn't have been put to a vote until next week.

Muir said the job crisis referenced by Mac Donald

still exists. Only, that crisis will now occur if the Tories aren't elected.

"We presented a budget which would have enabled us to address those projects," Muir said. "If you listen to what the other two parties have said, they are not prepared to commit the money to enable those projects to go ahead."

Both NDP Leader Darrell Dexter and Liberal Leader

Stephen McNeil accused the Tories Thursday of dishonesty and playing politics with the jobs of Nova Scotians.

The new projects weren't revealed, but Muir said they included new ambulances and school buses, expanding broadband technology and paving roads.

Muir said the \$130 million in funding will last until July.

Casey disputes NDP price for hospital-bed expansion

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Health Minister Karen Casey says the math of an NDP promise to open more hospital beds doesn't add up.

On Tuesday the NDP released a platform of 50 promises totalling \$79 million. One of those was a \$4.85 million promise to open up 17 new beds at the Halifax Infirmary.

But Thursday Casey sent out a news release refuting those numbers. She said the Tories recently created 14 new beds at a much higher cost, once three new nurses, three paramedics and three aides were included.

"The real cost here is \$21 million for a 14-bed expansion, not less than \$5 million for 17 beds as the NDP are saying," said Casey.

"Their number is unrealistic and misleading."

The Liberals were in Stewiacke Thursday targeting the agriculture industry. In a speech McNeil said he wants to make the in-

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Health Minister Karen Casey

industry more viable and sustainable.

"We have three priorities. One is an educational component in the classroom. One is about making sure that the federal dollars that are on the table would be committed towards allowing people to transition to more sustainable agricultural models," McNeil said.

"And the other one was around carbon capture credits and biofuels that would allow farmers to generate extra revenue that would come from just food sources."

McNeil said his government would negotiate with agriculture, AgriFood Canada and ACOA to develop a transition fund for farmers.

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Teachers union meeting

Four hundred are expected at the 88th Annual Council of the Nova Scotia Teachers Union, Thursday to Sunday at Halifax Marriott Harbourfront hotel. METRO HALIFAX local 5

School the right path for busy single mom

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE
for Metro Halifax



She knows it's corny to say, but for recent Dalhousie graduate Nicole Adams the motto "everything happens for a reason" rings true.

"I'm also a believer that you take certain paths in lives and when you're on the wrong path, there are all these indicators," the 34-year-old Halifax woman said Thursday of why she's finally pursuing her dream of becoming either a medical doctor or an oncology researcher.

"When you're on the right path, everything works," she said during a break at the Killam Library. "I've had huge opportunities since I've been here."

That includes her success in Dal's transition year program, which includes one year of university courses, without credit, and helps First Nations and African Canadian adults make the move to regular post-secondary study.

Adams, of mixed race, is valedictorian for the 2009 class, picking up eight of 10 awards at a small graduation ceremony April 24. Not only is her name in



Nicole Adams, 34, of Halifax takes a break from study, work and being a mom Thursday at Dalhousie University. She just graduated from the school's transition year program and dreams of becoming a medical doctor or an oncology researcher.

this spring's convocation program, but she also has a full entrance scholarship for her bachelor of science. But Adams has already been chipping away at first-year courses while enrolled in the transition year, with the goal of getting into Dalhousie Medical School. That's not her only tough task, as she's al-

so juggling two part-time jobs, mothering two children and dealing with the end of a 14-year relationship.

"I decided that I just wasn't happy with a lot of things in my life, and it was time to do the stuff that me happy," she said.

"I have waited to be here for so long."

Hats off to the 2009 Halifax university graduates

- It's convocation season for Halifax's five universities, with both the University of King's College and Mount Saint Vincent University holding their

- spring ceremonies Thursday.
- Dalhousie, the province's largest university, hosts ceremonies from Tuesday through May 27, while neighbouring

- Saint Mary's University has its convocation May 22.
- NSCAD University's graduation and commencement is Friday.

Contemporary loon dance part of new 2010 performance season

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for Metro Halifax



Halifax's leading contemporary dance organization unveiled its lineup for the 2009-10 season yesterday.

Paul Caskey, artistic director of Live Art Dance Productions, announced the company will be presenting eight live shows in Halifax between October 2009 and May 2010.

The performances, brought to town by dancers from across the country, include contemporary jazz, traditional Japanese drumming, and a dance show adapted from a children's book.

"I find that diversity really exciting, that we're able to keep audiences coming

in and (keep them) curious about contemporary dance," Caskey said.

The season launch event, which took place yesterday at Sir James Dunn Theatre, included a performance by Lisa Phinney, whose as of yet named

"I could hear the loons calling ... It just moved me to create a dance."

Lisa Phinney

show will kick off Live Art's season Oct. 1 to 3.

Phinney, who studied environmental science at Dalhousie, was inspired to create her dance show by a moment she experienced while doing field research on loon behaviour.

"It was a really misty, beautiful, early morning and I could hear the loons calling, and when the mist

on the lake kind of lifted a bit I saw that there were nine loons on the lake and they were calling to each other," recalled Phinney after her performance.

"It just moved me to create a dance that could elicit the same kind of reaction I had in that moment but in a dance theatre setting."

Other performers coming to town include Les Ballets Jazz de Montreal on Nov. 18 and Denise Fujiwara on April 29 to May 1, both of whom have achieved international acclaim and reputation.

For a complete list of the upcoming season, visit liveartproductions.ca.

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Canada



Name game's bad news: Privacy office

Twitter users are being warned that playing the new "porn star name game" on the social messaging service could expose them to identity theft, says the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada. The game involves forming a fictional porn star name for yourself by combining different names from your past — the name of your first pet and the name of the first street you lived on, for example.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

From student to online sex trader

Woman sells pictures to pay debts

Overwhelming student loans and escalating medical bills have sent a 21-year-old Calgary student to the underground Internet sex trade to make ends meet.

But she is not alone.

With simple S-E-X key-strokes, men can access hundreds of women selling various sexual indulgences through Craigslist's "erotic services" category, but Eve insists she doesn't sell intercourse.

"I provide pictures and videos at their request in exchange for money. What I'm doing is no different than being in a Playboy, just with fewer viewers," she insists.

But perhaps more alarm-

ing is why she is doing. Eve said she was diagnosed with cancer last year and began taking unapproved medication, propelling her to a \$50,000 debt.

"In reality, I need more than that to break even. That's my reason for doing this," she said, adding she also works full time for \$13 an hour and attends school full time.

Craigslist has been under scrutiny for its erotic ads, and the highly publicized "Craigslist killer" case, in which a man is accused of murdering a New York masseuse and attacking two other escorts who posted ads on the site.

METRO CANADA

Oliphant Ex-PM on his past



Former prime minister Brian Mulroney responds to lead commission counsel Richard Wolson while testifying at the Oliphant Commission in Ottawa Thursday. Mulroney was on the defensive over not divulging his relationship with businessman Karlheinz Schreiber during a legal hearing in 1996.

Grit lauds Tory ads

POLITICS Biting partisan ads taking aim at Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff are winning praise from a strange corner — the national director of the Liberal party.

Rocco Rossi is calling the attack ads "manna from heaven" and says they've sparked a rush in donations to the Liberal party from supporters outraged at the Conservative tactics.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

JUSTICE The attorney general has taken the rare step of appointing a former judge to "monitor and provide advice" in the case of veteran Ontario Provincial Police Sgt. Mike Rutigliano, who is charged with attempting to influence the outcome of a sex assault case involving flamboyant entrepreneur Frank D'Angelo.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

SEALS Grade 5 students from tiny St. Paul Island, Alaska will be helping staff at the Vancouver Aquarium on Friday transfer seal pups to a temporary home. The six Northern Fur Seal pups, which were born on the island, are participating in a project to study the species, whose population is declining for reasons unknown to scientists.

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Residents are reminded that collection services begin at 7:00am. To ensure collection is not missed, residents may place materials curbside the evening prior to collection day.

The Otter Lake Waste Processing and Disposal Facility, the two Composting Facilities and the HRM Recycling Plant at 20 Horseshoe Lake Drive will be open on Victoria Day, Monday, May 18th with normal operating hours.

The Halifax Regional Municipality's residential Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Depot will be **OPEN** Saturday, May 16th and Saturday, May 23rd from 9:00am to 4:00pm.

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Pelosi caught in debate over tortureU.S. House speaker Nancy Pelosi Thursday got into a public dispute over what she knew about harsh interrogation techniques in 2002, and why she did not speak out against them. **REUTERS**

World

China memoirs evoke turbulent memories

The memoirs of China's late Communist Party chief who was removed in 1989 for sympathizing with student protesters will give the Party plenty to think about when deciding the country's political future, his one-time top aide said.

Two decades after his downfall and four years after his death, reformist leader Zhao Ziyang has shattered the official silence cloaking the 1989 Tiananmen crackdown in memoirs he recorded in secret under house arrest.

In his revelations, Zhao praised Western-style democracy and said multi-party politics, a free press

and an independent judiciary were needed for China to become a parliamentary democracy.

Zhao had been accused of splitting the Party for challenging then-paramount leader Deng Xiaoping's decision to send in troops to crush the pro-democracy protests centred on Tiananmen Square in Beijing.

Zhao died in 2005 after more than 15 years under house arrest.

China has changed dramatically since 1989,

breaking out of diplomatic isolation, emerging to become the world's third-biggest economy, hosting the Olympics and making its first space walk last year. Most Chinese are richer and freer.

But Tiananmen is still taboo in China and the authorities are expected to ban Zhao's memoirs.

The memoirs come during a sensitive year, when the Party must navigate through potentially volatile anniversaries, including June 4 and the 60th anniversary of the founding of modern China, while coping with a slowing economy and rising joblessness.

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Zhao

Lebanon Nakba Day



Palestinian children march at a refugee camp in Beirut Thursday to mark Nakba Day. Palestinians observe the date as a day of mourning of the establishment of Israel in 1948, after which an Arab-Israeli war displaced hundreds of thousands of Palestinians.

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Annan unfairly treated: Aide

BOOK Former United Nations chief Kofi Annan was unfairly tainted by the Iraqi oil-for-food scandal, which was whipped up by right-wing media in countries that backed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, his spokesman said on Thursday. Frederic Eckhard also accused the U.S. and other powers of hypocrisy for having turned a blind eye for years to illegal oil contracts with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. Eckhard was launching his book, "Kofi Annan."

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Thousands flee Sri Lankan fighting

SRI LANKA Thousands of Sri Lankans under fire waded across a lagoon to escape the island's war zone, where the military has surrounded Tamil Tiger rebels for a final battle in the quarter-century conflict.

The military said aerial surveillance footage con-

firmed the exodus of around 5,000 people from a tiny, sandy coastal strip, where the U.S. and others say the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) are holding thousands by force. Sri Lanka and the LTTE on Thursday brushed off demands from the UN Securi-

ty Council and U.S. President Barack Obama to protect the civilians.

The Tigers, on U.S., EU, Canadian and Indian terrorist lists, have vowed no surrender in their fight for a separate nation for Sri Lankan minority Tamils.

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News in brief

VIRUS Travel restrictions and other measures help limit the spread of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, but officials are largely ignoring the best way to stop it: focusing on children's hygiene, a researcher said Thursday. "Hand washing offers protection against a lot of things, not just respiratory viruses," said Tom Jefferson of the Cochrane Library.

SPACE A pair of spacewalking astronauts Thursday outfitted the Hubble Space Telescope with a new camera that will allow astronomers to turn their gaze closer to the birth of the universe. Clad in bulky pressurized spacesuits, five-time shuttle flier John Grunsfeld, and rookie partner Andrew Feustel, floated outside the Atlantis for more than seven hours.

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SOUTH AMERICA Bolivia's investigation into a group of Europeans who allegedly planned to kill the president and destabilize the country has worsened political and regional divisions as critics say the government's evidence is weak. Police killed three Europeans in April as they broke up what they called a terrorist ring.

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Guest Columnist

Anyone interested in promoting the health of young girls is faced with a seemingly impossible challenge. On one hand, in recent years we have seen a dramatic increase in the incidence of eating disorders — now one of the most common and dangerous chronic condition in young women. On the other hand, the obesity epidemic has also adversely affected girls and women, with unprecedented numbers developing excess weight and related health issues, ranging from polycystic ovary syndrome and infertility to type-2 diabetes and sleep apnea.

While those concerned about eating disorders are careful to not reinforce a negative focus on body

weight, those concerned about obesity are unsure how to broach this issue without further diminishing self-esteem. There is clearly concern about the unintended harmful consequences from overweight and obesity prevention initiatives, particularly those delivered in schools. But over-emphasis on weight or group weigh-ins can trigger fat prejudice, weight-based teasing, or the ostracizing of larger children, or cause children to react to healthy eating messages by adopting extreme approaches to dieting and consequently losing weight to a degree that negatively impacts their health.

Perhaps the common ground lies in recognizing both eating disorders and obesity as psychosocial health issues. At one end of



Girl Guides of Canada
Guides du Canada

Now, the Girl Guides of Canada have taken up the challenge of dealing with negative body image by introducing the Love Yourself Challenge badge, which girls aged five to 17 can earn by completing tasks that promote self-esteem, healthy eating and a positive body image.

Whether this initiative will indeed help to reduce

the risk of eating disorders while promoting healthy weight remains to be seen. Increased self-esteem is clearly beneficial whether you are dealing with under or overweight.

The societal causes of eating disorders and obesity may well be the same: media, advertising, disintegration of nuclear families, lack of role models, loss of control over an excessively demanding, stressful and fast-paced society that takes little time to play, eat or reflect on the things that truly matter in life.

Let us hope that the Girl Guides' approach can manage to help girls walk the fine line between pathological dieting and numbing their emotions with food.

If it can help dissociate self-esteem from body weight, much will have been won.

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Views

From sexy politicians to donairs, we win

Urban Compass



Paul
McLeod

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In keeping with this week's Metro SunnySide theme of what's great about Halifax, here's your Urban Compass list of five things where our city shines.

Syllables

At a staggering 12 syllables long, the name Halifax Regional Municipality towers above its boring, concise rivals.

This linguistic juggernaut makes cities like "Hull" and "Guelph" hang their heads in shame.

Sexy politicians

This is, of course, very much relative.

There are usually lower standards in ranking the hotness of politicians as opposed to normal people.

It's like converting imperial to metric.

Maybe it's all those meals they can expense.

But Nova Scotians somehow manage to elect federal politicians that some may actually find desirable.

The recent annual poll by the Hill Times named Peter MacKay the sexiest male MP, with Scott Brison also in the mix (yes, they aren't technically from HRM, but they spend plenty of time here).

And new Halifax MP Megan Leslie was also deemed quite comely, ranking as the third sexiest female MP (Minister of Labour Rona Ambrose came first).

Also, I hear that HRM Mayor Peter Kelly is quite

the sex symbol in certain circles.

Donairs

Known as the nectar of the gods, even official Halifax tourism signs promote "4 a.m. donairs!"

We may not have a Canadian Football League team, a subway system or even an opera house, but we do have an endless supply of sweet, sweet tasting donairs.

Call it a wash.

City view planes

Downtown Halifax is blessed with a beautiful view of the Halifax Harbour from the top of Citadel Hill.

These view planes are sacred. Luckily, anyone who tries to erect something to block them can be smote with a biblical-level swarm

of red tape.

Dartmouth

Many who haven't been there pre-judge Dartmouth as some lawless wasteland filled with organ thieves and methadone clinics.

But those who live there know it's actually the area's best kept secret.

Either way, Dartmouth really helps build up the municipality's street cred.

Sure, downtown Halifax is the cool, popular kid in the class.

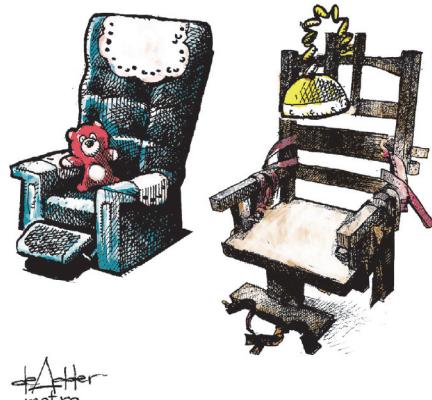
But Dartmouth is the dark, mysterious one surrounded by an air of intrigue.

Also it's got like a billion lakes, so when Canada wins all those canoe and kayak Olympic medals next time, you can thank Dartmouth for it.

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MULRONEY'S SEAT ON THE FIRST TWO DAYS OF HIS TESTIMONY:
MULRONEY'S SEAT FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS TESTIMONY:

MICHAEL DEADERICK



Worth Mentioning



A worker packs away recovered money after a German man lost thousands of euros to a gust of wind.

Talk about blowing your money

GERMANY A man lost 23,000 euros (\$31,180) to the wind when an envelope with the money he had stuck in the passenger seat pocket of his convertible blew away during a test drive in northern Germany.

The cash — in 500, 200, and 100 euro notes — fluttered across the motorway in the midst of speeding traffic near the city of Hanover, police said.

The man, 23, contacted

police immediately, who then blocked the motorway in both directions for nearly half an hour. Eight police officers assisted the man in retrieving his notes and were able to recover 20,000 euros.

"The remaining 3,000 euros have not been found," a police spokeswoman said, but warned treasure hunters of searching for any bills and keeping them, saying that was illegal.

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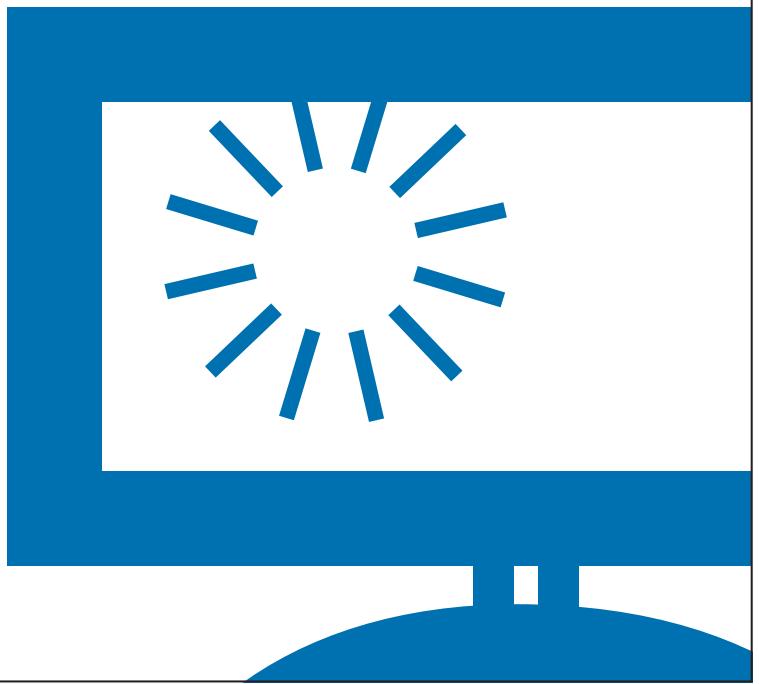
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Business

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\$1B for credit insurers

Insurance demand exceeding capacity: EDC

Canada's government offered up to \$1 billion in extraordinary funding to the country's six private credit insurers Thursday to help boost business activity and combat a steep recession.

The government said demand for credit insurance in Canada surpasses capacity as companies that sell goods seek protection against risks such as customers refusing to pay or going bankrupt.

The state-run Export Development Canada (EDC), endowed with new powers to combat the credit crisis,

"Private insurers are not able to offer the full amount of coverage. What we're doing is matching their offering."

Pierre Gignac, EDC

said it will step in to fill that gap.

"What we've seen in our discussion with private insurers is that many times clients come to them and look for protection on cer-

tain buyers ... and the private insurers are not able to offer the full amount of coverage," said Pierre Gignac, senior vice-president of insurance at EDC.

"What we're doing is matching their offering."

Lead players in Canada's credit insurance sector are Coface, a unit of French bank Natixis SA, and Euler Hermes, a unit of Germany's Allianz SE.

The other smaller players are AIG Insurance, Atradius, Excuris and the Guarantee Co. of North America.

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Business in brief

WASHINGTON U.S. President Barack Obama urged the U.S. Congress on Thursday to pass

a credit card reform bill by the end of May that would protect consumers by banning unfair

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Spain Shipyard protest



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Spanish riot police fire tear gas towards the building of the private shipbuilding company Naval Gijon during a protest by former shipyard workers who have taken early retirement in Gijon, northern Spain, Thursday. The protesters have occupied the shipyard's buildings, demanding assurances of their salaries after the closure of the company scheduled for May 31.

The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Wind turbine at grocer: Scotian WindFields Inc. has announced the installation of a 100 kW wind turbine at the Atlantic Superstore in Porter's Lake, its first commercial-scale wind generator in Nova Scotia.

Paper plant shutdown: Employees at Bowater Mersey Paper Company Ltd. in Brooklyn, Queens Co. are angry and confused that the "profitable" plant is being hit with another shutdown. This "production curtailment," as overseeing company AbitibiBowater calls it, runs from June 6 to July 16.

Wacky Wheatley's closing after 33 years:

Truro's Wacky Wheatley's, which marked its 33rd anniversary in March, is shutting down. Its vice-president of operations cited "competitive market conditions and a difficult economic situation worldwide" as the reasons behind the closing.

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Group cuts forecast for drop in '09 resale home prices

HOUSING Canadian resale home prices will likely fall 5.2 per cent this year, less than earlier forecast, and April sales activity trended higher, the Canadian Real Estate Association said Thursday.

The association said its new forecast for a 5.2 per cent drop in 2009 to \$287,700 for the average home price compares with the fall of eight per cent it

forecast earlier in the year. In 2008 the average selling price was \$303,594.

CREA also revised its forecast for 2009 sales to 370,500 units, a drop of 14.7 per cent from 2008.

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Flu fears cancel field hockey tours

India's women's field hockey team has cancelled its tour of Canada this month because of fears over the outbreak of Influenza A (H1N1), formerly known as swine flu. India was scheduled to play a set of matches in Surrey, B.C. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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'Canes, Wings advance

**Stanley Cup
2009 Playoffs**

(Carolina wins series 4-3)

Carolina 3 Boston 2 (OT)



Scott Walker's first career playoff goal was a Game 7 overtime winner that propelled the Carolina Hurricanes past the Boston Bruins 3-2 to wrap up their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

Ray Whitney sent a shot in on Tim Thomas with time winding down in the first OT. Thomas tried to swat the rebound away from the crease, but Walker charged the net and chipped it up and over the Boston goaltender with 1:14 left on the clock, shocking the Bruins faithful gathered at TD Banknorth Garden.

Top-seeded Boston had erased a three-game to one deficit in this series to force the deciding Game 7, but has never come back to



Boston's Aaron Ward, left, scoops the puck off the goal line as Carolina's Eric Staal tries to tip it in over goalie Tim Thomas Thursday night in Boston. The Hurricanes won 3-2 in overtime and will face the Pittsburgh Penguins in the Eastern Conference final.

win down 3-1 in 21 opportunities.

Detroit 4 Anaheim 3

Daniel Cleary scored with three minutes to play in regulation to help the Detroit Red Wings take Game 7 of the Western Conference semifinals with a 4-3 win over the Anaheim Ducks.

The Ducks had tied the game in the first half of the third period, but Detroit answered late to take the lead.

Attacking in the Anaheim end, Henrik Zetterberg chased down the puck in the low left corner and chipped it out front. Cleary knocked the puck down and shoveled it toward

Jonas Hiller, who wound up knocking the puck into the net with his right pad.

"The puck came in from the corner and was batted out of the air and I couldn't find it," said Hiller. "It was behind my pad, I saw on the replay. It was the call by the referee, it was a goal."

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Sports in brief

BASKETBALL Dwight Howard finished with 23 points, 22 rebounds and three blocks, as the Orlando Magic staved off elimination Thursday with an 83-75 win over Boston in Game 6 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

BLUE JAYS Hideki Matsui's homer in the eighth inning was the difference Thursday, as the New York Yankees edged the Toronto Blue Jays 3-2 in the finale of a three-game set from the Rogers Centre in Toronto.

RED SOX Jeff Mathis' RBI single in the bottom of the 12th gave the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim a 5-4 win over Boston in the rubber match of a three-game series.

HOCKEY The Vancouver Canucks re-signed forward Steve Bernier to a contract extension on Thursday. Bernier tallied 15 goals and 17 assists in 81 games for Vancouver this season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Running through hard times

FieldofPlay
Scott Russell

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The guy in the store where running shoes are sold had a simple message.

"People run even when they're stressed," he said. Then he punched the cash register and rang up \$169 for a new pair of Mizunos while gleefully handing over a box full of hope.

Business is good.

"Maybe people run because they're stressed," replied the customer.

Running events are myriad in this country and even in a period of recession, they seem to be flourishing. A Vancouver 10K boasted 55,000 entrants in April. Earlier this month, 12,000 took part in Sporting Life's annual dash down one of

the busiest streets in Toronto. From the Bridge City Boogie in Saskatoon to the Blue Nose International Marathon in Halifax, people are running in record numbers.

"Corporate support is down," said the organizer of the Mississauga Marathon, featuring 12,000 participants in its weekend events. "But there are more runners than ever before ..."

"In tough times, it's not big business that makes the difference, but the individual."

Bill Rodgers, a four-time winner of the Boston Marathon, was at the start line of the Mississauga Marathon to address competitors before the race. Rodgers had recently returned to the road following surgery for prostate cancer last year. Last month, at age 61, he completed his first Boston Marathon in a decade.

"It was tough, but I made it," he told the runners in Mississauga. "Now you, too, are in the race and every-

thing is on your side, including the weather."

And so the pack got on course as it wound its way to the shores of Lake Ontario. Along the route, runners were aided by 1,200 volunteers who handed out water and energy drinks.

In the end, the Mississauga Marathon raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for a health-care facility, a cancer research unit and the local YMCA.

What is it that drives the running boom across the country in this difficult economic period and that makes it a force in the success of charitable work in Canada?

Perhaps it's the knowledge that getting past these hard times is possible if we all hunker down and stay in the race.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons.

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Eric Crookshank, Jimmy Twyman, John Strickland and Tyronne McNeal of the Halifax Rainmen have entered a team in the Provincial Black Basketball Association's 37th invitational tournament this weekend. The championship games for all divisions are Sunday at The Tower. METRO HALIFAX

Rainmen players enter tourney

Huskies land star guard Colley

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pact," said Huskies head coach Scott Munro, who coached Colley on the provincial team last year.

"She's the type of player we want to attract to Saint Mary's. We're going to be much more competitive (next year) and Justine's going to be a huge part of putting us there."

Justine

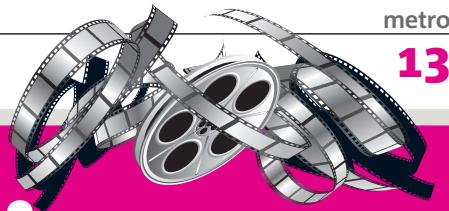
as women's under-18 basketball tournament as Canada clinched a berth at this year's FIBA under-

19 world championship.

The sought-after recruit had several NCAA Division I options but opted to stay north of the border. She'll join fifth-year all-star Kelsey Daley in the Huskies backcourt.

"It should be a pretty formidable combo," said Munro. "One of the strengths of good teams is strength in the backcourt, and I certainly think we have that with those two."

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Movies & Entertainment

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Lighter shade of Bale Pg 15



Christian Bale has a reputation as a sometimes too serious and brooding actor, but says he lightened up for his role in *Terminator Salvation*. "This is *Terminator*," he says. "What are people really going there for? They're going for a good time."

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Angels & Demons turns into a connect-the-dots game.

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Bif Naked made new record while battling cancer, chemo.

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Fawcett bares it all in video diary about cancer battle.

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A scene from Ron Howard's Angels & Demons.

Soul sucked out of Angels

Angels & Demons

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Stars: Tom Hanks, Ewan McGregor
Classification: 14A
Rating: 3½

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada



Harvard Professor Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) is back in action. Three years after he uncovered the complicated personal life of Jesus Christ in The Da Vinci Code he's once again using his knowledge of symbology to unravel the mystery of a secret brotherhood called the Illuminati and prevent a terrorist act against the Vatican.

What's more, he'll do it all in just one night. Sounds thrilling, yes? Unfortunately it isn't.

Most of the elements from Dan Brown's best-selling book Angels and Demons are in place, although several characters have been omitted and story lines reconfigured and condensed in the name of brevity.

Summarizing the story, however, brings a simplicity that sucks out most of the mystery and colourful details contained in the novel. Langdon seems to be able to unravel clues, some hundreds of years old, with such ease that Angels and Demons becomes simply an elaborate game of connect-the-dots rather than a fully fleshed out story.

It's a big summer movie, so we shouldn't really expect sophisticated North by Northwest style intrigue, but since the suspense lacks the action should take up the slack. Unfortunately though, while A&D wants to be an ecclesiastical National Treasure, it contains few of the thrills of those popular Nic Cage movies.

Director Ron Howard

fills the screen with handsome images of Rome but every time the movie works up the steam, Robert (Mr. Exposition) Langdon steps in with a long winded explanation of the history behind the various clues and symbols that sucks much of the movie's momentum.

Angels and Demons isn't as talky as Da Vinci Code, but its fatal flaw is the Langdon character.

In the books he is the historical tour guide who provides the facts to bind the story together. On film, however, he comes across as a windbag who simply supports the story instead of adding to it.

That being said, Angels and Demons is a vast improvement over The Da Vinci Code. The pace has been ramped up and the running time chopped but even though these Dan Brown adaptations are Hanks and Howard's most successful movies, they aren't their best.

If they choose to work together again I hope it's in Splash 2 or Apollo 13: Off to Mars! and not another tepid Langdon adventure.

• For an Angels & Demons trailer and screen times, visit metronews.ca/movies

Cannes The Banks effect



Elizabeth Banks poses on the red carpet as she arrives for the screening of Spring Fever at the Cannes Film Festival Thursday.



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Hanks regrets no sex

Tom Hanks is disappointed that there wasn't any room for a sex scene between him and co-star Ayelet Zurer in Angels and Demons. "It's my loss, but I think it did make it easier for Ayelet," he tells Parade magazine. **METRO WORLD NEWS**

Movies

***** A CLASSIC; ***** EXCELLENT; *** GOOD; ** FAIR; * POOR

Bale's Salvation

Actor eases up for Terminator sequel

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Christian Bale doesn't like being told what to do. In fact, he admits he's been more keen to take a role in a film if others tell him not to.

"Some people were saying to me, 'Why do you want to do that?' Which made me go, 'I'm going to go do it, then,'" Bale explains. "I really want to do it more, the more people say that. Maybe I should cut it out."

The latest film people told him to stay away from is Terminator Salvation, the fourth in the man vs. the machines franchise. Bale steps into the role of John Connor, humanity's only hope against evil killer robots. At first, Bale wasn't interested in taking on another big Hollywood franchise.

"This is not Brecht or something. This is Terminator. What are people really going there for? They're going for a good time."

Christian Bale

"Initially when I heard of this I thought, 'Well, it's done. There's no new story to be told,'" he says. "That was why I said no a few times."

But in the end, Bale agreed, even though the final script hadn't been written. "I just couldn't believe that it couldn't become something that was worthy of people putting down 10 bucks in a movie theatre," he says.

Though he has a reputation as a sometimes too serious, brooding actor — prone to flare-ups like the tirade infamously leaked online last year from the Terminator Salvation set — Bale actually takes a much more relaxed view of his work.

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Controversy formula for box-office hit

InFocus



Richard Crouse

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Catholic League boss William Donohue doesn't want you to see the sequel to *The Da Vinci Code*. In a booklet titled *Angels & Demons: More Demonic than Angelic*, he accuses director Ron Howard of "smearing the Catholic Church."

History shows us that

movies have courted controversy since the very beginning.

The 1896 film *The Kiss* rode reviews like, "The spectacle of the prolonged pasturing on each other's lips was beastly enough in life size on the stage but magnified to gargantuan proportions ... it is absolutely disgusting," to the

top of the box office.

Half a century later, another Howard, this time Howard Hughes, directed a movie thought to be so salacious that its "assault on decency" saw several theatre owners arrested for unspooling it.

Completed in 1941, *The Outlaw* was such a hot potato it didn't see general

release until 1946.

Officially the film is about Doc Holliday and Billy the Kid's feud over a woman called Rio, but informally it's about something else entirely — star Jane Russell's chest. The emphasis on her breasts was too much for the Hollywood Production Code Administration, who demanded

changes to the film.

Hughes balked, becoming the first American filmmaker to defy the Production Code and use the resulting hullabaloo to lure audiences into the theatres.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrichao33@hotmail.com.

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Billboard's top albums

1. Epiphany, Chrisette Michele (right); 2. Hannah Montana Soundtrack, Various Artists; 3. Fantasy Ride, Ciara; 4. Unstoppable, Rascal Flatts; 5. Together Through Life, Bob Dylan. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Music

Rocker Bif Naked makes a Promise

Worked on new disc while fighting cancer

ROB MCMAHON
for Metro Canada

Bif Naked thrives on regimen: The Vancouver-based rocker is up at dawn to exercise and maintains a straight-edge lifestyle.

But after her diagnosis for breast cancer in January 2008 and subsequent treatment, that all changed.

"I'm a raw food vegan — I've been doing that a long time — but one month all I wanted was yam rolls, and they're definitely not raw," Naked said, laughing. "To this day, I can barely look at beets. I used to devour beet juice, and ate grated beets on salad every day, but now I can't stand the smell."

Despite these challenges, Naked (real name Beth Torkert) powered through writing and recording a new album. Titled *The Promise*, the disc is the culmination of months spent with producer, guitarist

and "taskmaster" Jason Darr.

Reached a day before the album's release, Naked was recovering from ovarian surgery. But despite a long run of media interviews, the singer was gregarious and upbeat, joking if she hadn't been in the hospital, she would have hit the gym.

Speaking about chemotherapy, she said the physiological setbacks impacted the recording process, as did ever-changing scheduling.

"Every chemo (treatment) is different — you can't find any consistency," she said. "At one point I was in the hospital for 20 days straight. My larynx gland was so swollen I couldn't swallow ... I was incapacitated for almost a month. Sometimes it seemed like the album

"I think the number one thing as a friend and family member, is to go with that person to chemo, keep them company." Bif Naked

would never come to light, but it did, thanks in part to (Jason) Darr, my taskmaster."

The resulting disc features Naked's raw singing, layered over guitar-heavy

pop punk. Images of hair falling out (on Amazon



The Promise, the new album from Vancouver rocker Bif Naked, is now available in stores.

Motel) and a song titled Sick may cause fans to automatically reach to recent events for interpretation.

But Naked said the songs

are just as rooted in the emotion that powers her creativity: Love. Along with the support of her husband, family, friends and fans, she found love while healing alongside other patients, who became good friends.

"A lot of people will always assume if it's

a sad song, it must be about chemo: 'Oh, here's another sad song, it must be about chemo.' No!" she said. "(Cancer) can be very isolating ... There are a million and one books on cancer, but I think the number one thing as a friend and family member, is to go with that person to chemo, keep them company if they want it, and check up with them every day."

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Ross' heavy rhymes are dressed up with slick production, symphonic beats and A-list guest rappers.

• Fantasy Ride, Ciara: R&B



diva's sultry vocals perfectly suit her mix of electro-funk club tracks with guest stars galore.

• White Lies For Dark Times, Ben Harper And Relentless7:



Harper's trademark slide guitar sounds right at home with his band's hefty Texas blues-rock style.

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SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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With billions of songs available, looking for new music (or music that's new to you) can be frustrating and intimidating. Here are a few ways to make things easier.

The Hype Machine (hypemachine.com):

This site scours blog postings and streaming websites for whatever you ask it to. Convenient "buy now" buttons make downloading what you've found a snap.

A New Band a Day (banaday.com): Just like it sounds: a blog that promises a write up on a new band every day. No options to purchase.

New Band of the Day (<http://tinyurl.com/64y36d>):

A service of Britain's Guardian newspaper. At last count, there are nearly 550 bands in the archives, too. No option to purchase.

Crazed Hits (crazed-hits.com):

A free talent scout tip sheet featuring hot unsigned bands and artists. This is great if you want to see what the current A&R bidding war might be.

Wearehunted.com (wearehunted.com):

What if there was a site that monitored all the other sites where people are

"I know so many people who haven't set foot in a proper record store in years. Why not try the old fashioned method of trolling through the racks? It still works — and there's something about the thrill of the hunt, too."

looking for new music and then ranked them in a chart? We Are Hunted is a good attempt at monitoring the most popular songs on MySpace Music, BitTorrent, Last.fm, iLike, blogs, Twitter and press releases. Using some clever clustering algorithms, they come up with the Top 99 songs of the day.

ExploreMusic (explore-music.com):

OK, OK, so this is a shameless plug for a site that I curate, but me and the staff sort through hundreds of songs every week so you can get a head start on finding something interesting. And yeah, we can help you buy something you like.

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Your favourite radio station:

There's a myth that you can't hear anything new on the radio anymore. That's false. You just need to step out of your comfort zone. Try listening to a station you normally wouldn't. You'll be surprised at what you may discover. It may not be new, but it'll be new to you.

Paul Rodgers, Queen split up

BANDS Queen will no longer rock you — at least not with Paul Rodgers.

Ahead of a summer reunion tour with his primary band Bad Company, the singer said the Queen + Paul Rodgers collaboration is, in effect, over, and without animosity.

"At this point we're gonna sit back from this," Rodgers told Billboard.com.

"My arrangement with (Queen's Brian May and Roger Taylor) was similar to my arrangement with Jimmy (Page) in The Firm in that it was never meant to be a permanent arrangement."

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- 2 Black Eyed Peas
- 3 Around
- 4 Ridin'
- 5 Kiss Me Thru The Phone
- 6 Soulja Boy
- 7 Day 'N' Nite
- 8 Kid Cudi
- 9 Crack a Bottle
- 10 Eminem
- 11 Done and Gone
- 12 T.I.
- 13 I'm On A Boat
- 14 Lonely Island
- 15 Beautiful
- 16 Akon
- 17 LoveGame
- 18 Lady Gaga
- 19 Knock You Down
- 20 Keri Wilson

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Lohan to appear in comedy

Lindsay Lohan will appear in a fantasy comedy directed by David Michaels called *The Other Side*. According to Variety, Lohan joins a diverse cast that includes Woody Harrelson and Alanis Morissette. MOVIESBLOG.MTV.COM

Television

Former Charlie's Angel Farrah Fawcett documents her heart-wrenching struggle with anal cancer in TV film *Farrah's Story*.

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sports	7	7	7	ASN	The Road to Avonlea	Instant Star	TMZ (N)	America's Funniest Home Videos (Season Finale) (N)		Whistler			
cable variety	11	11	11	CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy! (N)	NHL Hockey Playoffs - Teams TBA, (Live)			The Hour (N)			
	32	32	32	CBS	News	Evening News	The Insider	Entertainment	Ghost Whisperer (N)	Flashpoint (HDTV) (N)	NUMB3RS (N)		
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	38	38	38	DISC	How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet (N)		Hell-Leggers (N)		Canada's Worst Handyman	Devil's Triangle	
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	40	40	40	SLICE	The Mom Show	Skin Deep	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part		Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	
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	22	22	22	W	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Will & Grace	Friends	Most Haunted Live (N)		True Lies *** (1994, Action), Tom Arnold		
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cable variety	11	11	11	CBC	Sat. Report	Hockey Night	NHL Hockey Playoffs - Teams TBA, (Live)				Movie		
	32	32	32	CBS	News	CBS News	Entertainment Tonight	The Mentalist "Pilot"	The Mentalist (HDTV)	48 Hr. Mystery			
	6	6	6	CIHF	ET Canada	Masterminds	Polygamy's Lost Boys	Doc	Doc		News		
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	53	53	53	TSN	SportsCentre	NHL Hockey Playoffs -- Teams TBA, (HDTV) (Live)					SportsCentre		
	16	16	16	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami (HDTV)				CSI: Miami (HDTV)	CSI: Miami	
	70	70	70	APTN	Great Towns	MYTV	The Mix	Living, Dream	Arbor Live		Collateral Damage * (2002, Action)		
	37	37	37	BRVO	Spectacle: Elvis	Arts & Minds	Bravo! Fact	Man Who Crossed-Sahara		Good Will Hunting (1997, Drama)			
	49	49	49	COM	Colbert Report	22 Minutes	Just for Laughs	Laughs	Rick Mercer	The Simpsons	South Park	The Office	
	18	18	18	CNN	Newsroom		Anderson Cooper 360		Larry King Live		Newsroom		
	38	38	38	DISC	Cash Cab	How It's Made	MythBusters	Ratzilla Dog-sized rat. (N)	Pig Bomb (N)		MythBusters		
	34	48	48	HGTV	Holmes in New Orleans	House	House	My First Place	Buy Me	Extreme Makeover: Home	Hil Potental		
	46	46	46	HIST	Bloody Italy	NCIS "Cover Story"		Ancient Discoveries		The Mummy Returns (2001, Adventure)			
	17	17	17	MM	Daddy's Girls	Meet Barkers	Shot at Love-Tile Tequila	CollegeHmR	Green Day	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	
	206	206	206	PIX	Jumanji	(7:20) <i>The Majestic *** (2001, Comedy-Drama) Jim Carrey.</i>			Man on the Moon (1999, Biography)				
	39	39	39	SHOW	(5) Batman Begins	The Guard (HDTV)	Second Sight (2007, Drama) Lexa Doig, Ty Olsson.			Rescue Me			
	40	40	40	SLICE	Last 10	Last 10	End of Leash	End of Leash	Tori & Dean	Tori & Dean	Real Housewives NYC	Style-Famous	
	21	21	21	TLC	Mystery ER (HDTV)	Half Ton Teen (HDTV)	Survival of the Half-Ton Teen		Half-Ton Mom (HDTV)		Half-Ton Dad		
	22	22	22	W	(5) In Her Shoes (2005)	Grocery	Style by Jury	The Rendering (2002, Suspense)	Shannen Doherty.		Numb (2007)		
	27	27	27	YTV	Karaoke Star Junior	Karaoke Star Junior	Karaoke Star Junior		In Real Life		Adrenaline		

Fawcett's video diary

Angels actress shaves her head in a film about cancer battle

Actress Farrah Fawcett is shown shaving off her famous blond hair in a heart-wrenching personal video diary of her long battle with cancer that is reaching its end.

Farrah's Story — effectively the self-written obituary of the Charlie's Angels star — was given a semi-private premiere on Wednesday night ahead of a nationwide broadcast on NBC television on Friday.

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The 90-minute film, much of it narrated by Fawcett herself, chronicles the highs and the lows of the actress' numerous medical treatments since her 2006 diagnosis with anal cancer and the recent weeks when she has been bedridden,

heavily medicated and barely able to recognize her son.

Her long-time companion, actor Ryan O'Neal, called Fawcett a fighter and said the 62-year-old actress wanted to share her cancer journey with the public — on her own terms.

Fawcett found international fame in the 1970s for her role as the tanned, blond private eye in the hit television show Charlie's Angels. The film includes

footage of a delighted young Prince Charles of Britain getting to meet her.

Unflinchingly in detail, the film shows Fawcett sometimes vomiting from the side effects of her cancer treatments and on other occasions dancing with friends during times when her tumors had shrunk.

"I do not want to die of this disease. I want to stay alive," she said when the cancer spread to her liver in 2007.

Doctors had initially avoided treatment that would have led to hair loss for Fawcett, whose flowing blond locks were copied by millions of women around the world in the 1970s.

But when other treatments in the United States and Germany had run out, Fawcett films her hair falling out on a comb and then shaves off the remainder, saving only her bangs.

REUTERS

Oprah apologizes to author Frey

PEOPLE Oprah Winfrey has apologized to author James Frey for shaming him on her TV chat show amid revelations he had fabricated parts of his memoir, her spokeswoman said Wednesday.

Winfrey's apology was first reported on the website of Vanity Fair, with the author saying he felt "grateful" for Winfrey's gesture. The two have a tumultuous history.

Winfrey had been one of Frey's most vocal boosters, naming his 2003 drugs-and-alcohol memoir *A Million Little Pieces* one of her "book club" choices in 2005 and propelling it to bestseller status.

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Star Trek explores fashion frontier

DANIEL HOLLOWAY
Metro World News**How do you dress Mr. Spock in a post-Wolverine world?**

The problem no doubt bedevilled director J.J. Abrams and costume designer Michael Kaplan as they set out to make their new Star Trek film. But it looks like they got it right.

Following its opening last week, Trek has proved itself a critical darling and commercial juggernaut — a sci-fi movie that feels contemporary despite con-

stant visual references to its 1966 TV-series roots.

"It didn't look like too much had changed, but it still felt sleek and modern," Dino-Ray Ramos, a fashion writer for sfexaminer.com, says of the film's costuming.

Wise indeed. Original Trek is steeped in a colour palette straight out of the psychedelic 1960s. A reboot featuring leather trenches and black Ray-Bans instead of mustard pullovers and micro-miniskirts would

have been sacrilege.

Dorothy Baca teaches design for performance at the University of New Mexico and was the costume supervisor on the 1997 film



Batman and Robin. She says the original Trek and the equally candy-coloured 1966-68 Batman TV series made loud fashion statements for a loud cultural moment.

"They were indicative of

what was going on in the youth culture at that time," Baca says. "If you look at the '60s in terms of clothing and fashion, it's the first time we see a huge boom of things marketed toward young people."

But bright colours and mid-century enthusiasm have given way to dark characters wearing dark clothes. So why did kitsch



The original Star Trek.

and colour disappear from science fiction films?

"The average teen male is probably more jaded, a little bit more worldly than in mid-century."



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**• Batman (TV series, 1966-68)**

It's hard to decide which is worse: The eyebrows drawn on Adam West's bat-cowl, or the short pants that Burt Ward traumatized a generation of TV watchers in as Robin.

**• Battlestar Galactica (TV series, 1978)**

Half the people on this show were dressed like Han Solo. That's a good thing. The bad thing is that the other half were either dressed in Halloween costume-grade robot

suits or like space-cult leaders.

• The Fantastic Four (1994)

Eleven years before the horrible 2005 movie, there was an even more horrible film about the classic Marvel superheroes made on a shoestring budget to satisfy a legal obligation. The costumes, effects and makeup are among the worst ever committed to film — but

still they're somehow more believable than Jessica Alba playing a brilliant scientist.

• The Black Hole (1979)

Nicknamed 20,000 Leagues Under Space, because, well, it was a lot like 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, the prime example of slow-moving '70s sci-fi films is also the prime example for horrible robot costumes.

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Scorsese to direct Sinatra biopic film

FILM Oscar-winning director Martin Scorsese will direct the big screen movie about the colorful life of entertainment legend Frank Sinatra, who legions of fans called Ol' Blue Eyes, Universal Pictures said Wednesday.

Casting has yet to be announced for the role of Sinatra, arguably the most popular singer of his era and who also struck box office gold with roles such as his Oscar-winning turn in *From Here to Eternity* in 1953.

The singer was previously portrayed on the small screen by Philip Casnoff in a 1992 television miniseries and by Ray Liotta in HBO's 1998 movie, *The Rat Pack*.

But the Scorsese movie, Sinatra, is thought to be the first to depict the life of the star in a feature film.

The project, on which Sinatra's daughter Tina will serve as executive producer, was announced one

a grand career

- Born in Hoboken, New Jersey in 1915, Frank Sinatra performed on more than 1,400 musical recordings and in 58 films. **REUTERS**

day before the anniversary of the death of the iconic singer and film star, who died in 1998 of a heart attack at the age of 82.

Negotiations with Sinatra's estate took several years as the family reportedly debated how best to tell the story.

Sinatra made his first recording in 1939 and continued recording almost until his death, being responsible for such classics as *Strangers in the Night* and *My Way*.

Oscar-nominated screenwriter Phil Alden Robinson, who wrote *Field of Dreams*, is writing the screenplay. **REUTERS**

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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Angels & Demons

FILM You don't need to be a code breaker to see that the latest adaptation of a Dan Brown novel has all the signs of a box-office whopper. Tom Hanks returns as symbologist Robert Langdon, Ron Howard's back at the helm, and good old Catholicism looms large in this crack thriller. Need we say more?

2 Jon & Kate

CELEBRITY Forget Brangelina. In our gossip-hungry world, this couple from the TLC reality series *Jon & Kate Plus 8* is prime fodder now. Paparazzi and rag mags are fast piling up the illicit-affair allegations as the Gosselins battle to save their relationship. In fact, when the show's fifth season premieres May 25, a full-hour will be devoted to the strains on the couple's marriage, usmagazine.com reports.



6 Calendar Girls

PEOPLE Ten years after their much-publicized strip, the ladies from north England are once again baring it all for cancer research. The women — whose first calendar inspired the movie *Calendar Girls*, starring Helen Mirren and Julie Walters — have come out with a new 2010 calendar. It was unveiled this week and is available online.

3 Eminem

ALBUM After a long battle with prescription pills, Marshall Mathers returns next Tuesday with his first album in nearly five years. The video for *We Made You*, which carries on the Eminem tradition of skewering popular figures, has already become a YouTube hit. With the market saturated with acid-tongued, hip-hop poseurs, it's about time the real Slim Shady stood up and took back his crown.



4 Cannes Film Festival

EVENT The world's biggest film event (if you don't count the increasingly redundant Oscars) is the best thing to follow if you want to keep a tab on the global cinematic pulse. This year's competition features films by true heavyweights like Pedro Almodovar, Ang Lee, Jane Campion and Quentin Tarantino, among others.

5 MiFi

Tech Care for your very own Wi-Fi bubble that follows you everywhere you go? U.S. telecom company Verizon is launching the Novatel MiFi 2200 this month on a subscription basis. The little credit card-like gadget, when attached to your portable device and turned on, provides a personal, powerful, password-protected wireless hot spot.

7 If I Had A Million Flavours

FOOD Here's the latest scoop on the Barenaked Ladies: They now have their own ice-cream flavour. This week, the Canadian band hooked up with Ben & Jerry's to launch *If I Had A Million Flavours*, which features vanilla, chocolate, peanut butter, almonds and chocolate chunks.



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Entertainment

In brief

MOVIES DreamWorks picked up a remake of the 1985 vampire horror comedy Fright Night. The original film, written and directed by Tom Holland, centered on a teen who discovers that his neighbours are vampires. No writer has been hired yet, but the aim is to keep the comic horror tone while modernizing the effects. Michael Gaeta and Alison Rosenzweig are producing with Michael De Luca. **REUTERS**

Reaper could be revived?**Thought Reaper was dead?**

Think again. Like some of the undead creatures on the show, the quirky CW comedy-drama is refusing to die.

Sources said show producer ABC Studios is in talks with CW affiliate stations about continuing Reaper as a syndicated series for Sunday night.

Reaper essentially has been cancelled at the CW, but most stations are said to love the fan-favourite series starring Brett Harrison as the devil's bounty hunter.

So when the network decided to give Sunday night back to its affiliates last week, they started preliminary conversations with ABC Studios about possibly

continuing the show with new episodes.

Sources said ABC is also exploring a possible after-life for the series on cable.

Both scenarios are considered a longshot, with one major obstacle: Reaper creators/executive producers Michele Fazekas and Tara Butters have moved on, recently signing a deal with 20th TV. **REUTERS**

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Ashley Olsen strips to a bra and bares her midriff in the Summer 2009 issue of V Man magazine. The 22-year-old also dons a brown wig for the photo shoot, done to promote the launch of the fall menswear line for her fashion label The Row. [USMAGAZINE.COM](#)

Going Out

Spielberg: From director to video-game impresario?

Oscar-winning film director Steven Spielberg was so frustrated that no video games catered for all of his seven children that he did what a entertainment maestro might do — make his own game.

Boom Blox was the first in a multi-franchise deal between Spielberg and

video game publisher Electronic Arts and has sold close to one million copies globally since it was released for Nintendo's Wii last May.

On May 19, EA releases Spielberg's second game, Boom Blox Bash Party.

Spielberg, who said he plays just about every

game that comes out, is a big fan of Nintendo's Wii console and its motion-sensor controls that involved physical interactivity.

"It's been very, very good for a parent like me who wants our kids not to be couch potatoes, but to get up and move their bodies around more," said

Spielberg, who worked closely with the team at EA's Los Angeles studio on both the games.

Spielberg said Boom Blox originated from the idea of using the Wii controller to knock something down, like the traditional family toy of building blocks.

In the newest game up to four players face a range of challenges of up to 400 levels in locations as diverse as outer space and deep under the sea where they can create their own user-generated content and share this with others online.

"You can become a cre-

ator at home," said Spielberg. "You can become a participant and you can become an activist. It's a really wonderful way to empower players to share their ideas with the world and give us better ideas for our own future of the next iteration beyond Bash Party."

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Going Out

Long weekend: I'll drink to that (song)

HARRY HODGE
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there is a good possibility some of you will read this before hopping in the car and sitting on the deck at a cottage someplace.

The weekend also is recognized for the pivotal role of a cold brewski. Odds are more than one of you will down a couple of frosty brown pops this weekend,

and could be you will also be near some kind of speaker, blasting some kind of tunes. Metro has outlined for you three songs for some particularly Canadian spots as you celebrate this upcoming long weekend.

If you want to get the party started and have

booze as part of your theme, Cigarettes and Alcohol by Oasis is a fitting starter. Liam Gallagher's wails about "looking for some action/but all I found was cigarettes and alcohol" can be played at any time really.

The next song on your list should be One Bour-

bon, One Scotch, One Beer by John Lee Hooker. This could either be on your stereo as you're entertaining at the cottage, but is just as likely to be found on the jukebox at the lakeside pub. This celebrates not just beer, but other options for you to savour into the wee hours.

Sunday morning. Music will wake me up. Sunday Morning Coming Down by Johnny Cash. Breakfast: Greasy eggs and sausage? Hair of the dog? You'll all have your own playlists, but one would assume a couple of these are already in there. Have a cold one and enjoy Victoria Day!

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It looks like Nicole Richie and Joel Madden, who are expecting their second child, are going to have a boy. "Joel bought water-based paint for the nursery and — surprise, surprise — it's blue," a source tells In Touch. METRO WORLD NEWS

Blue is for boy

Celebrity Buzz

Madonna and Jesus plan secret Kaballah ceremony?

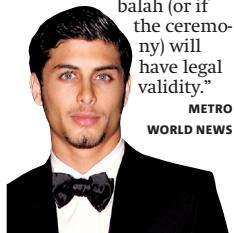
MOVING FAST Rumours started circulating recently about Madonna and her Brazilian model boyfriend, Jesus Luz, planning some sort of ceremony together, and now Luz's father has confirmed it.

"The Kaballah ceremony (that) will link up my son Jesus Luz and Madonna only confirms that he is extremely happy," Heiter Pinto da Luz tells Brazil's Quem magazine.

"I don't know if there will, in fact, be a real marriage between Madonna and my son."

"It will be a type of ritual, but I do not know Kaballah (or if the ceremony) will have legal validity."

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Be a gold digger: Bette to Jennifer

HONEST ADVICE Bette Midler is offering up free dating advice for Jennifer Aniston — whether the former Friends star wants it or not.

"She needs an exciting guy, like a race-car driver," Midler tells People magazine. "She should find somebody who is really hot, who's not in show business."

Somebody with a lot of money."

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Ryan keeps Farrah's condition secret

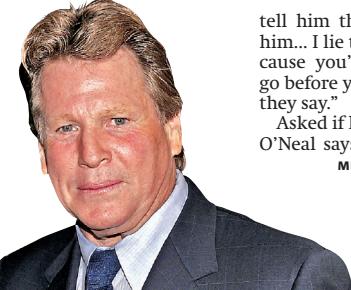
FAMILY HEARTBREAK Ryan O'Neal has been lying to longtime lover Farrah Fawcett's aged father about the actress' health battle because he wants the 91-year-old to remain confident his daughter will beat cancer, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

James Fawcett is awaiting the medical OK to fly to the ailing star's bedside in Los Angeles from his

Texas home — and actor O'Neal fears he'll be shocked when he sees his sick daughter, who is losing her battle with anal cancer.

In a new TV interview, filmed to promote Friday's broadcast of Farrah's Story, O'Neal says, "He (Fawcett's father) has big confidence that she will recover.

"He believes that and I



tell him that too. I lie to him... I lie to her father because you're supposed to go before your children, so they say."

Asked if he believes that, O'Neal says, "No, I don't."

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Shannen a homewrecker?

SMACKTALK Shannen Doherty has claimed that she only started dating photographer Kurt Iswarienko since he filed for divorce from his wife, designer Taryn Band, last December. But Band's mother seems to remember things differently.

"Shannen broke up a marriage. And that's all I'm going to say," she tells Star magazine.

The magazine also claims that even though he filed for divorce, Iswarienko is still technically married.

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Jay's high-security hospital stay

CRAZY FAN? Jay Leno's recent hospital stay turned into a high-security operation when a fake priest tried to gain access to the comedian's private room, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The comedian was forced to cancel a recent late-night show after medical bosses at TV network NBC ruled he was too sick with a fever to host the Tonight Show.

Leno was taken to a hospital near the studio where

he tapes the show and now reveals a weird stalker almost got past staff by pretending to be a man of the cloth.

Appearing on Ellen DeGeneres' show this week, he explained, "I'm lying in the bed ... and I hear, 'I'm Mr. Leno's priest; I'm here

to see him.' Well, I'm not even Catholic."

A quick-thinking nurse realized the mystery man was a fake when she quizzed him about his religion. Leno still finds the story funny, but TV bosses at NBC didn't — and they boosted security outside Leno's room after the incident.

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John's strange pick-up lines?

CREEPY John Mayer has used some interesting lines to try to impress women. Pop singer Jessie James recounted a night Mayer invited her and some friends back to his Manhattan apartment.

"We were all hanging out and everyone started to gradually leave. It was just he and I at this point,"

James said in an interview with WFAN radio. "I told him, 'I need some taxi money, I'm going to go home now.'

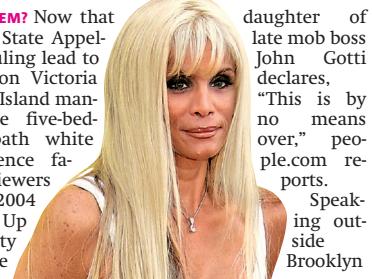
She said that after she left, he continued sending her text messages throughout the night, sending messages like, "Let me tuck you in."

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Gotti family faces foreclosure on mansion

REMEMBER THEM? Now that a New York State Appellate Court ruling lead to foreclosure on Victoria Gotti's Long Island mansion — the five-bedroom, 5½-bath white brick residence familiar to viewers of her 2004 Growing Up Gotti reality show — the



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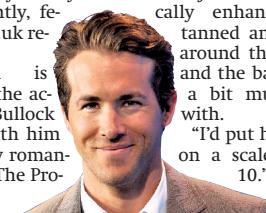
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There's something about Ryan

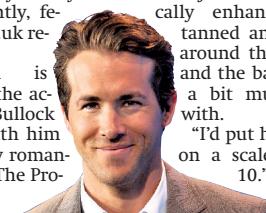
AWKWARD Sandra Bullock and Scarlett Johansson share a secret — they've both seen Ryan Reynolds naked recently, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Johansson is married to the actor, while Bullock bared all with him in their new romantic comedy The Proposal.

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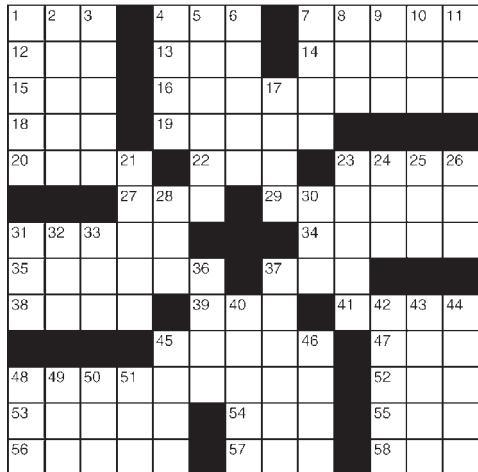
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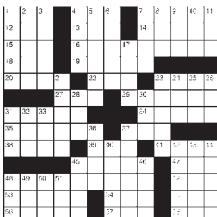
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1 UNLV part
 4 More, to Manuel
 5 Summoned
 12 Under the weather
 13 Pismire
 14 Harden
 15 Greek cross
 16 Drilling ordeal
 18 "Let me see, ..."
 19 Have a frog in your throat?
 20 "My bad"
 22 Spring mo.
 23 Snapshots
 27 Moose's cousin
 29 Tooth problem
 31 Split to unite?

Crossword down

1 Print of a sort
 2 "Cradle of Texas Liberty"
 3 Consecutive losses
 4 Painter Chagall
 5 Parka
 6 Porch
 7 Choose
 8 Literary collection
 9 Holster occupant
 10 Important period
 11 First st.
 17 2009 bailout acronym
 21 Dividing walls
 23 Trattoria offering
 24 Smart figs.
 25 Prompt
 26 Prepared

28 Grazing site
 30 "The 7 Faces of Dr. —"
 31 Greek vowel
 32 Trail the pack
 33 Bobby of hockey
 36 Fabulous fliers
 37 Fruit category
 40 Montana city
 42 Computer-related
 43 Purple shade
 44 Stick in
 45 Ethereal
 46 Spotters
 48 Apply lightly
 49 Flightless bird
 50 Yule beverage
 51 Yank

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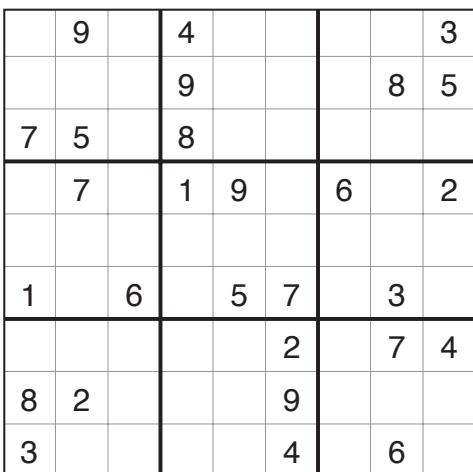
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 13-17 min.....Scholar

17-21 minSmart

21-25 min.....Not bad
 25+ min.....Keep practising

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**Horoscopes by Sally Brompton****ARIES**

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21



If you don't like the fact that someone with less experience is trying to tell you what to do, then let them know. You don't have to be rude about it.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Certain people seem to be going out of their way to undermine your confidence, but they won't succeed. By mid-next week you'll be more self-assured.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22



Is someone trying to cheat you? It's possible, but it's just as likely they're as confused as you are. Either way, don't assume you will get a fair deal today.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21



Honesty may be the best policy but it's liable to make matters worse today, so lie if you must; console yourself that on this occasion, it's for a good cause.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21



You took on a lot of new responsibilities recently and you may be wondering if it was such a good idea. But you made your choice and you must live with it.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



If you give too much away today you could find later on that someone has stolen your big idea for their own profit and glorification.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20



Don't stray too far from the straight and narrow today. If you stick to the rules you'll do OK, if not quite as spectacularly as you had hoped.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23



You may be desperate to prove you're not just a one-trick pony, but don't take on too much too soon. The world thinks you're doing fine as you are.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18



Maybe not everything has gone your way of late but life moves in cycles and it won't be long before you are on the upside of the curve again.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Stay focused on your number one priority. Others may try to distract you today but the only thing that matters is reaching that goal you have set yourself.

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FEB 19-MARCH 20



Someone may deserve to feel the edge of your tongue but think carefully before you lash out. Build them up, don't knock them down.

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